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Serial No.: 10/761081  
Filed: January 20, 2004  
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Examiner: Unknown  
Group Art Unit: 2811  
Docket: 12844.0013USD1

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Dear Sir:

On March 23, 2004, Applicant submitted a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement using the serial number listed on the postcard sent from the USPTO, 10/761080. A copy of both the postcard and the Supplemental IDS is enclosed for the Examiner's records. On April 23, 2004, the Official Filing Receipt was sent listing the correct serial number as 10/761081. Please transfer the Supplemental IDS sent under 10/761080 to the correct serial number of 10/761081.

If a telephone call would be helpful in resolving any issues associated with this case, please call the Applicant's Attorney-of-Record, Douglas P. Mueller, at 612-371-5237.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is not provided because it was previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in parent application, U.S. Serial No. 10/205867 filed on July 24, 2002.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a

reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

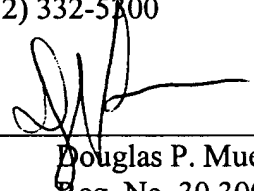
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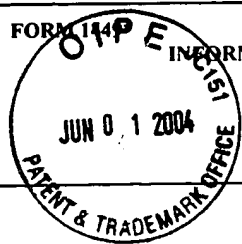
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<b>FORM 1449</b> <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b> <b>IN AN APPLICATION</b> (Use several sheets if necessary)	Docket Number: 12844.0013USD1	Application Number: 10/761080
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,567,981	October 1996	Bhansali et al.			
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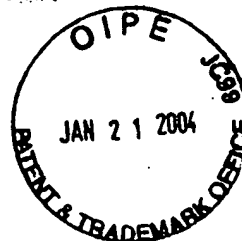


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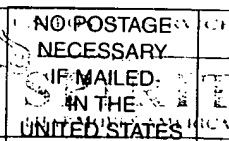
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- ☒ a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b)
- ☒ The application is as follows: 14 pages of specification, 9 claims, 1 page of abstract, 9 sheets of drawings, and 6 pages of oath or declaration.
- ☒ Attached is a check in the amount of 770.00
- ☒ A set of formal drawings (9 sheets) is enclosed.
- ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
- ☒ Also Enclosed: Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, Application Data Sheet, 3 pages
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